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SUBJ: WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN HAVANA

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1. CHARGE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF DISCUSSION WITH CONGOLESE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR EKONDY AT DINNER APR 4, TO PRESENT US POSITION CONCERNING HAVANA WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, EKONDY SAID GOCB WAS WELL AWARE OF BENT OF THE FESTIVAL AND, FOR THAT REASON, WAS SENDING AN APOLITICAL DANCE TROUPE AND MILITARY COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUTH, JEAN-PIERRE N'GOMBE, "WHO WOULD BE CAREFUL." EXTENT OF PUBLICITY HERE CONCERNING FESTIVAL TO DATE HAS CONSISTED OF NUMBER OF POSTERS AROUND TOWN AND AT CUBAN CHANCERY, AND ONE ARTICLE IN BRAZZAVILLE'S TWICE-WEEKLY "DAILY" NEWSPAPER.

2. ZAIRIAN EMBASSY OFFICER ZULU ASKED CHARGE APR 5 IF WE KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE FESTIVAL, AND CHARGE CONVEYED OUR VIEWS TO HIM ADDING THAT EMBASSY KINSHASA LIKELY WOULD BE APPROACHING HIS GOVERNMENT. ZULU SAID THAT CBANS IN BRAZZAVILLE HAD PUT ENORMOUS PRESSURE ON ZAIRIANS TO ATTEND AND THAT NOW, LEARNING BACKGROUND OF FESTIVAL, HE WOULD SUGGEST TO KINSHASA THAT
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WHATEVER GOZ DELEGATION DOES GO BE VERY CAREFULLY COMPOSED.

3. ZULU CONFIRMED THAT ZAIRIAN INFORMATION MINISTER HAD VISITED CUBAN EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE APR 2, TO DISCUSS ZAIRIAN PARTICIPATION AT MEETING OF "NON-ALIGNED" INFORMATION MINISTERS IN HAVANA. FYI: UP TO NO GOOD, ROMANIAN CHARGE GHEORGHIU HAD TOLD CHARGE APR 4 THAT ZAIRIAN INFORMATION MINISTER HAD GONE TO

CUBAN EMBASSY IN AN EFFORT TO ELICIT AN INVITATION FOR ZAIRIAN
FON AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER UMBA TO VISIT HAVANA. EKONDY CHARACTERIZED
ROMANIAN DISINFORMATION WITH TWO WORDS: "THEY WISH*"
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